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The Prez Sez... By Nicholas AF6CF



Pres Sez January 2025,

I was approached by the nominating committee last fall, asking me to run for president; I eventually agreed and was voted in. I am honored to be back as President after being President in the "Covid Years". I was President in 2019 and 2020 with 2019 being the Red Cross starting a major refurbishment and we lost access to the facility for what ended up more than two years...went long because...2020 started the "Pandemic" year and we worked on various ways to keep together and meet as a club. If you want to know more about me in general, check the "Prez Sez" February 2019: [OCARC RF NEWSLETTER 2019-02](#).

Not much has changed since then other than I retired from Boeing (ex-Rockwell).

As in the last time I was President, I like to keep the club "diverse." To me this means trying to have something that all members can get something out of. Whether you are a seasoned ham or a new ham, active or not. I have my specific likes on Amateur Radio, as does every member. I know our VP (Tim Goeppinger, N6GP) will be getting a wide variety of speakers for our meetings and would also like ideas from you, the membership. Please also look at page 2 of this RF and see all of the new Board members. All have their emails listed and would be happy to hear from you with any comments.

Read through and keep an eye out for the RF newsletters, too. This is our #1 method of spreading the word about our activities and changes. Email blasts will also happen for urgent or very important items, but we limit those so they don't get lost in your piles of emails. For example, the April and May membership meetings will probably shift a week later (to the 4th Friday) for different reasons.

I am looking forward to 2025 (it is already 2025!).

Dan Violette, KI6X
President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**Riley
Hollingsworth
K4ZDH
presents**

"ARRL and the FCC"

**January 17th, 2025, at 7pm
at the**

**American Red
Cross**

**Orange County Chapter
Santa Ana, Room 208**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Saturday, February 1st, 2025

See www.w6ze.org for more info

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Monthly Events

Membership Meetings*

Time: 7:00 PM
When: 3rd Friday of each Month
Red Cross Orange County, Room 208
600 N Parkcenter Dr, Santa Ana
(Replaced by the Christmas Party
in December.)

Board Meetings

First Saturday of each Month
*Board will handle Club business now
IN-PERSON.*

Club Nets (Listen for W6ZE)

10M ~ 28.375 MHz SSB

Wed- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX
Alternate Net Control: AJ, KN6WNO

2M ~ 146.55 MHz Simplex FM

Wed- 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX
Alternate Net Control: AJ, KN6WNO
Echolink Node: KK6TRC-L

75M ~ 3.883 MHz LSB

Tue @ 8:00 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX

Other Nets

**Catalina Amateur
Repeater Association (CARA)**
147.090 MHz (+0.600 MHz) No PL
Monday - Friday
9:00AM & 9:00PM
Prg. Director. Tom W6ETC
COME JOIN US

OCARC 2025 DUES:

*Membership period is:
1 January to 31 December*

Individual New or Renewal: \$30
Family New or Renewal: \$45
Teen New or Renewal: \$15

***New Member Dues** are prorated
quarterly and includes a badge:*
Additional Badges¹ \$3

Use one of our interactive online forms
to calculate current prices, join, renew, or
order badges:

<https://www.w6ze.org/FormsShortcut.html>

¹ \$3 or less + mailing. See form.

January Speaker – Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH

From 1998 to 2008, the Amateur Radio Service was privileged to have a positive relationship with the FCC through attorney Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, who administered enforcement of our service during that time frame.



After retirement in 2008, Riley became active in the ARRL Atlantic Division, as Vice-Director for a time, but then an opportunity arose he could not refuse: in 2019 he took on administration of the new FCC/ARRL Volunteer Monitoring Program. The program is up and running with over 160 Volunteer Monitors averaging several thousand hours a month listening to our bands to help keep our bands healthy and preserve Amateur Radio's great reputation.

Join us Friday, January 17 of the new year, when Riley joins us live on Zoom from Gettysburg, PA, for more details on the Volunteer Monitoring Program.

License Upgrade Opportunities



Your Club, W6ZE, now offers license exam testing sessions (new licensees and upgrades) at 5:30 PM before our regularly scheduled meeting at 7 PM. Requests for a seat should be sent to Ken Simpson, w6kos@w6ze.org, or a call at 714-651-6535. The cost is \$15. That's 5:30 p.m. for testing in Room 213 and a 7 p.m. meeting at 600 Parkcenter Dr, Room 208, Santa Ana, at the American Red Cross.

RadioActivity

January 2025

Upcoming Activities:

JANUARY

- ****North American QSO Party / CW:** 1800 UTC January 11 through 0559 UTC January 12
- ***January VHF Contest:** 1900 UTC Saturday January 18 through 0359 UTC Monday Jan. 20
- ****North American QSO Party / SSB:** 1800 UTC Sat. January 18 through 0559 UTC Sunday January 19
- ***CQ WW 160 Meter / CW:** 2200 UTC Friday January 24 through 2200 UTC Sunday Jan. 26
- **Winter Field Day: 1600 UTC Saturday January 25 through 2159 UTC Sunday January 26**

FEBRUARY

- **10-10 Winter Contest, SSB:** 0001 UTC Feb. 1 through 2359 UTC Sunday Feb. 2
- ***CQ WW WPX / RTTY** 0000 UTC Saturday Feb. 8 through 2359 UTC Sunday Feb. 9
- ***ARRL International DX Contest:** CW: 0000 UTC Sat. Feb. 15 through 2359 UTC Sunday February 16
- ***CQ WW 160 Meter SSB:** 2200 UTC Friday Feb. 21 through 2200 UTC Sunday February 23
- **North American QSO Party / RTTY:** 1800 UTC Feb. 22 through 0559 UTC Sunday February 23

* Indicates club entries are accepted

** Indicates team entries are accepted

Note: When submitting logs for ARRL Contests indicate your club affiliation as "Orange County ARC"

State QSO Parties

- **Vermont QSO Party:** 0000 UTC Saturday February 1 through 2359 UTC Sunday Feb. 2
- **Minnesota QSO Party:** 1400 through 2400 UTC Saturday February 1
- **South Carolina QSO Party:** 1500 UTC Saturday February 22 through 0159 UTC Sunday Feb. 23
- **North Carolina QSO Party:** 1500 UTC Sunday February 23 through 0100 UTC Monday February 24
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Repeating Activities:

- **Phone Fry** Every Tuesday night at 0230 UTC to 0300 UTC
- **SKCC** Weekend Sprintathon (Straight Key CW) on the first weekend of the month after the 6TH of the month. 1200 UTC Sat. to 2359 UTC Sunday.
- **SKCC** Sprint (Straight Key CW) 0000 UTC to 0200 UTC on the 4th Tuesday night (USA) of the month.
- **CWops** Every Wednesday 1300 UTC to 1400 UTC 1900 UTC to 2000 UTC and Thursday 0300 UTC to 0400 UTC
- **ICWC Medium Speed Test:** (CW, 25WPM Max.) Every Monday 1300 UTC to 1400 UTC 1900 UTC to 2000 UTC and Tuesday 0300 UTC to 0400 UTC
- **K1USN Slow Speed Test:** (CW, 20WPM Max.) Every Sunday night at 0000 UTC to 0100 UTC Monday

OCARC Club Nets:

- **75 Meter Net:** Every Tuesday night at 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 3.883 MHz
- **10 Meter Net:** Every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 28.375 MHz
- **2 Meter Net:** Every Wednesday night at 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm Local Time. FM Simplex 146.55 MHz

Other Nets:

- **Net-AT-9:** Wellness & Support Monday thru Friday 9:00 am and 9:00 pm Local Time 147.090 MHz (+600 MHz) No PL

Other Links:

- [ARRL Contest Calendar](#)
- [VOACAP Online for Ham Radio](#)

Send an email to *Ron W6WG*, w6wg@w6ze.org to have your favorite activity or your recent RadioActivity listed in next month's column.

OCARC Board Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2025

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The OCARC board meeting was held at the Streamliner Lounge, 186 N Atchison St, Orange, and was called to order by President Dan Violette KI6X at 8:15 a.m. A quorum of Board Members was in attendance, as well as Member Ken W6HHC.

Directors Reports

- Treasurer Report: Tim N6GP (2024 Treas) reports inflows are good even with the outflows for the December Christmas expenses
- Membership Report: The club has 105 members (21 new members for 2024)
- Secretary Report: Club Insurance has been renewed for another year. PO Box Informed Delivery is being set up with pob3454@w6ze.org.
- Publicity Report: VE sessions for amateur license testing continue weekly under the guidance of W6KOS prior to our monthly general meetings.

Old Business

Newsletters Editors Report

- January: Tim N6TMT
- February: Ron W6WG
- March: Tim N6GP

Speakers/Entertainment

- January: Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH retired FCC special council and FCC Enforcement Bureau
- February: Neil Jesse's N6VHF will be presenting Parks on the Air 2025 Winter Field Day
- Winter Field Day Plans: start January 27 8 am and ends January 28 at 2 pm
- Zoom Meeting to be held on January 17 to discuss and confirm plans

New Business

- Greetings to New Board Members and explanation of duties
- Financial Audit Committee: 3 Members to meet: Tim N6GP, Tim N6TMT and Bob AF6C
- Club Brochure to be updated
- Consider a Weekly Digital Mode Net

An adjournment was voted on and approved at 9:45

Submitted by Joyce KN6UKJ

Cash Flow - Last year

1/1/2024 through 12/31/2024

1/9/2025

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INFLOWS

Auction Income	2,962.50
Badge Income	6.00
Christmas - Opportunity Drawing	330.00
Christmas Dinner Ticket Sales	675.00
Donation	14.00
Donations - Field Day	223.00
Dues, Membership (Paypal 2025)	705.00
Dues, Membership (Paypal) 2024	1,378.46
Dues, Membership 2024	500.01
Dues, Membership 2025	120.00
Field Day Food Income	240.00
Interest	178.39
Opportunity Drawing -Monthly	441.00
Refunds Received	300.00
Sale Of Equipment	683.50
TOTAL INFLOWS	8,756.86

OUTFLOWS

Auction Payout	1,334.50
Bank Checks (Refill)	23.20
CA Statement Of Info filing	20.00
Christmas Drawing Prizes	996.93
Christmas Party Expense	1,286.12
Field Day - Propane	57.07
Field Day Equipment	131.94
Field Day Food	487.31
Field Day Rental - Tent	310.00
Flowers Expense	50.00
Guest Speaker Meal - Exp	281.00
Historian Expenses	91.90
Insurance Expense 2025	300.00
PayPal Fee	137.38
PO Box Rental	170.00
Refreshments Expense	64.11
Software License	24.00
Storage of Equipment - Ann Millard	650.00
Web Site Hosting	380.00
WFD - Food	62.91
WFD - Propane	40.85
WFD Flowers	34.00
WFD Rental - Tent	170.00
ZOOM subscription	159.90
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	7,263.12

OVERALL TOTAL	1,493.74
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“2025 Winter Field Day”

January 25th and 26th, 2025

(**NEW!!** Contest period Saturday 1600 UTC (9:00 am PST) to Sunday 2159 UTC (3:00 pm PST))

Come join the OCARC team for [2025 WINTER FIELD DAY](#). We need everyone to turnout to continue our winning streak and become the highest scoring club for 7 years running.

The event will be held at the **new** Ocean View School District site located at 16662 Trudy Lane in Huntington Beach. The 2025 guidelines can be downloaded from <https://www.winterfieldday.com>

Bands: 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, 6m and 2meters

Modes: SSB, CW, Satellite and Digital (no FT4 or FT8).

Points are 1 for Phone QSOs and 2 for CW & Digital QSOs.

NEW!! There are 11 Objectives which are the multipliers (x 26 maximum) for this contest.

If you are interested and need more information contact Ron W6WG by email, W6WG@W6ZE.ORG

A HISTORY of OCARC PRESIDENTS

by Ken Konechy W6HHC

YEAR

2025 KI6X Dan Violette
 2024 AF6CF Nicholas Haban
 2023 AF6CF Nicholas Haban
 2023 K7JA Charles (Chip) Margelli
 (served from Jan-Apr)
 2022 AF6CF Nicholas Haban
 2021 AF6CF Nicholas Haban
 2020 KI6X Dan Violette
 2019 KI6X Dan Violette
 2018 N6GP Tim Goeppinger
 2017 N6GP Tim Goeppinger
 2016 AF6CF Nicholas Haban
 2015 N6TMT Tim Millard
 2014 AF6CF Nicholas Haban
 2013 AF6CF Nicholas Haban
 2012 W6GMU Paul Gussow
 (now NJ6U)
 2011 W6GMU Paul Gussow
 (now NJ6U)
 2010 K6PEQ Kristin Dankert
 2009 AF6CF Nicholas Haban
 2008 N8WP Willie Peloquin
 2007 K6PEQ Kristin Dankert
 2006 N8WP Willie Peloquin
 2005 W6HHC Ken Konechy
 2004 N1AB Steve Brody
 2003 KQ6JD Lowell Burnett
 2002 KE6WIU Cory Terando
 (now AE6GW)
 2001 KD6BWH Bob Buss
 (later KØBWH)
 2000 K6LDC Larry Hoffman
 1999 WA6VPP Bud Barkhurst
 1998 KD6BWH Bob Buss
 (later KØBWH)
 1997 WA6VKZ Frank Smith
 1996 AF6C Bob Eckweiler
 1995 N6XTJ Jim Roberts

YEAR

1994 KJ6ZH Chris Breller
 1993 KC6TAM Jane Breller
 1992 WA6VKZ Frank Smith
 1991 W6HHC Ken Konechy
 1990 KJ6ZH Chris Breller
 1989 WA6VKZ Frank Smith
 1988 W6HHC Ken Konechy
 1987 N6JSV Jim Talcott
 1986 WA6VKZ Frank Smith
 1985 AF6C Bob Eckweiler
 1984 KA6IMP Chris Breller
 (now KJ6ZH)
 1983 W6IBR Al Watts
 1982 KA6HNY Robin Hoff
 1981 WA6VKZ Frank Smith
 1980 WA6FOW Ernie Prichard
 1979 WB6IHZ Terry Mathers
 1978 WA6LFF Jim Kingsbury
 1977 WA6WZO Fried Heyn
 1976 WB6PEX Martin Raymond
 1975 WA6LHB Art Sheldon
 (now K7ZE)
 1974 W6HHC Ken Konechy
 1973 WB6QNU Bob Eckweiler
 (now AF6C)
 1972 WA6FIT Ron Cade
 (now W6ZQ)
 1971 WB6CQR Billy Hall
 (now N6EDY)
 1970 WB6UDC Jack Hollander
 (later N6UC)
 1969 WA6ROF Jerry VerDuft
 (now ADØA)
 1968 W6COJ Dave Hollander
 1967 WB6GPK Jim Hill
 1966 WA6YWN Jack Shaw
 1965 K6KTX Rolland Miller

YEAR

1964 W6WRJ Ralph Alexander
 (later W6RE)
 1963 W6DEY Roy Maxson
 1962 K6LJA Ted Glick
 1961 K6IQ Roy Morriss
 1960 K6TXS Charles(Ed)Edwards
 1959 W6BVI Ken Kesel
 1958 W6BVI Ken Kesel
 1957 - CLUB DISBANDED -
 1956 W6HIL Bob Swenson
 1955 W6BVI Ken Kesel
 1954 W6UPP Marinus Conway
 1953 Probably only informal
 meetings, no officers?
 1952 W6QZQ Horace Bates
 1951 W6LDJ Sam (Mac) McNeal
 1950 Probably only informal
 meetings, no officers?
 1949 W6CGF Chuck Lunder
 1948 W6BWO Dale Bose
 1947 W6ALO Tommy Gentges
 1946 W6DEY Roy Maxson
 1945 W6DEY Roy Maxson
 1944 - **ALL OFF TO WAR!!**
 1943 - **ALL OFF TO WAR!!**
 1942 W6IBN Roy Cumpston
 1941 W6BAM Shelley Trotter
 1940 W6KLU Harold Christensen
 1939 Probably only informal
 meetings, no officers?
 1938 W6NSA Les Gates
 1938 W6ADT Norol Evans
 1937 W6LYM Norol Evans
 (later reissued as W6ADT)
 1936 W6LYM Norol Evans
 (later reissued as W6ADT)
 1935 - CLUB DISBANDED!!
 1934 W6IGO Earl Moore
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